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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 21st, 1909.

NEVER in the history of the Colony has so much public interest been manifested in an election of members to the Sanitary Board as was shown yesterday. The oft repeated faunt that there is no public interest in local affairs in Hongkong is abundantly disproved by the fact that nearly seven hundred persons took the trouble to go to the poll. Of course, this unprecedented manifestation of public interest in the election is due largely to the extension of the franchise since the passing of the new Public Health and Buildings Ordinance six months ago. This statement, however, carries the obvious inference, that the expression of public opinion has been choked in the past by a very restricted franchise. We congratulate Mr. SHELTON HOOPER on his triumphant return at the head of the poll which he is fully justified in regarding as an unmistakable indication of public approval of the policy he has pursued on the Board since 1906 and we may add that it expresses at the same time recognition of the valuable services rendered by him as a member of the Sanitary Commission. The vacancy created by the regretted retirement of Mr. HENRY HUMPHREYS has been filled by the election of Dr. GERARD FITZWILLIAMS who, we feel sure, will prove a most useful member of the Board. Between the two

doctors the margin was small, and we take it as a good augury of continued public interest in the affairs of the Board that both Dr. BELLIOS and Mr. PERCY SMITH are resolved to try again when the opportunity offers.

In connexion with this election we may appropriately offer a few comments on the short valedictory speeches delivered by Mr. HENRY HUMPHREYS and Mr. SHELTON HOOPER at the last meeting of the Sanitary Board. The transfer from the Sanitary Board to the Building Authority of all matters connected with buildings has certainly deprived the Board of a great deal of responsibility and has reduced the volume of its business. Mr. HUMPHREYS says it has "whittled the business of the Board down to practically nothing," and he speaks with the authority of experience. The last few meetings he had attended he described as "a farce," and for this reason, if for no other, he took his leave of the Board without a single regret. We think these remarks will afford the taxpayers some food for thought. The Sanitary Board is one of the largest spending departments of the Government. In the course of his remarks, referring to the revelations of the Commission, Mr. HUMPHREYS said: "The spectacle of \$10,000 squandered every month during the plague season on an unknown and untried disinfectant, of thousands of dollars paid out every month to unknown Chinese contractors, without business premises and without even a printed form for their bills, will, I trust, never again be presented to the community. The Sanitary Board, as a Board, could not be asked to share the blame in any way, because prior to this state of affairs the Government had transferred practically the whole of the executive arrangements to a Sanitary Department composed entirely of Government Officials." We think the taxpayers would like to know whether the reorganised Sanitary Board affords them any better security against such a waste of public money. Do the members of the Sanitary Board ever see the bills presented for payment? Are they kept regularly informed of the operations of the Department and of what expenditure is being incurred? We take it that one of the chief uses of the representatives of the taxpaying community on the Board is to carefully watch the expenditure, but we do not gather from reports of the Sanitary Board proceedings that the monthly accounts are ever brought to their notice. It seems to us that the practice of the local boards at Home might well be followed here. The bills should go before a Finance Committee, and the Board should be furnished monthly with a list of the accounts recommended for payment—a list which should not only give the name of the person or firm to whom the money is payable, and the sum due, but should also show what the account is for—whether for disinfectants, scavenging, or any other purpose. Were such a system adopted by the Sanitary Board it would afford members the desired means of keeping an eye on the expenditure of the Department and at the same time these lists of accounts would serve to keep them better informed of what is going on than they apparently are now. It seems to us that there is plenty of scope still left for the zeal of the unofficial members of the Board and we commend the suggestion we have made to their consideration. A Board meeting need not necessarily be the farce that Mr. HUMPHREYS says it is, but, without the knowledge that such a system as we have advocated would impart to members, the value to the community of representation on the Sanitary Board does appear to be exceedingly small. It rests largely with the unofficial members themselves to increase the value of that representation, and in this, we are sure, they will have the cordial sympathy and support of His Excellency the Governor. Mr. SHELTON HOOPER's eulogy of the activity and interest shown by Sir FREDERICK LUGARD in all that has followed upon the presentation of the Report of the Commission will, we are sure, be endorsed by everyone, and most cordially by those best acquainted with the vast amount of work entailed in so thorough an investigation as the Governor's speeches in Council showed that he had made into the whole position revealed in the Commissioner's Report. It was an exceedingly heavy task to fall upon a Governor who had just arrived and had yet to make himself acquainted with the whole administrative organisation of the Colony. Appropriate reference was made by Mr. HOOPER to the steps taken by His Excellency to put an end to the friction which had long existed between officials and unofficials on the Board and we hope the good feeling which is now evidenced on the Board may long endure and that the usefulness of the unofficial members on it will be increasingly demonstrated.

The usual ante-New Year petty thefts and matchings are fairly numerous.

The Bulletin issued by Dr. Jordan yesterday stated that Her Excellency Lady Lugard's condition had generally improved during the previous 48 hours.

Mr. J. Paterson, residing at Ewe Mess, charged his boy before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate yesterday with disobeying his lawful orders. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

At the Magistrate yesterday a Chinese was fined \$84 for being in illegal possession of a quantity of opium and was mulcted in a further sum of \$10 for being in possession of three fighting weapons.

The German cruiser *Furst Bismarck* and the *Tiger* were at Saigon last week. On the 10th inst. the officers were entertained at an official dinner at Government House and on the following day they dined with Admiral Richard Foy.

A German named Eutonni Kluggis was at the Magistrate yesterday fined \$25, the alternative being one month in prison, for stowing away on the s.s. *Kumano Maru* with intent to obtain a free passage from Nagasaki to Hongkong.

Rear-Admiral William H. Emery, recently detached from command of the second division of the Atlantic fleet at Hongkong, was placed on the retired list of the Navy on December 17th on account of age. His retirement has resulted in the promotion of Captain William W. Kimball to the grade of Rear-Admiral.

Indications of the near approach of China New Year are plentiful. The usual fair in Queen's Road, Jervois Street, and adjacent streets is in full swing, the number of stalls being apparently as numerous as before and occasional cracker firing give a foretaste of what is coming. There are apparently few very failures in commercial circles this year.

Moy Dow, a Chinese who has assisted the police of Philadelphia, New York, Boston and other large cities in clearing up mysterious murders of Chinese, has been sentenced to death by a secret organization, and on information received the police began a search for the conspirators. Dow has turned over to the police what he says is evidence that the members of Chinese societies in the cities named have agreed to pay \$2,000 for his murder.

Bids for the construction of the Moriones bridges in Tondo were opened at the city hall Manila last week and the lowest bid was found to be that of the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific company, which offered to construct the causeway for P19,850. The other bids for the construction were: S. A. Reich P19,864; Manila Saw Mill Company P22,960; Delmar W. Smith P23,290; Robert M. Loper P23,400; and Salvatore Brunetto P24,800.

Judge Charles H. Smith of the Court of First Instance, Manila, has been elected a member of the Royal Society of Arts of Westminster. Judge Smith intends to leave Manila on his vacation trip on February 23 and will travel through Asia, crossing British India and visiting Italy, Greece, and other countries of Europe. He will also visit the Holy Land. After staying two weeks in London, he will go to the United States to spend the rest of his vacation.

Secretary Root, before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on December 17th pointed out that the only obligation upon either party to the entente between the United States and Japan relating to the maintenance of China's integrity is that they shall consult with each other before undertaking any action concerning Chinese affairs, and therefore the agreement does not assume the character of a treaty. If no action is taken by the committee the whole matter will remain as negotiated by the Secretary of State.

By kind permission of Major Evans and Officers, the Band of the 13th Rajputs, under Bandmaster Coke, will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, this evening (weather permitting). Waltz— "Je t'aime"..... Waldteufel. One min.— "Light a lady"..... Suppe. Marche de triomphe "Entry of the Gladiators"..... Fucik. Patrol— "U.S.A. Patrol"..... Coxmore (By Request) about 8 p.m. Waltz— "E. pans"..... Waldteufel. Selection— "Pirates of Penzance"..... Sullivan. God Save the King.

Now that tourists and globe-trotters are expected to flock to Java, in these days of booming the island in the travelling world attention has been pointedly called to the lack of hotel accommodation there. Many hotel-keepers, says the *Straits Times*, are so far behind the times that they will not put themselves to inconvenience by enlarging their establishments to suit changed conditions. Far otherwise is it at Sourabaya, where funds have been raised to build an up-to-date hotel to accommodate at least 120 guests. The profits are expected to be large enough to admit of a fifteen per cent. dividend.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller is credited with the intention to devote \$50,000,000 to the cause of Oriental education. This statement was made on December 12th by a member of the University of Chicago faculty. According to reports at the University, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the oil king will spend this immense sum in uplifting the nations of the Far East after hearing the reports of Professor Ernest Burton and Professor Thomas C. Chamberlin, who have been commissioned to investigate the conditions in the Orient. It is said that Mr. Rockefeller will give the University of Chicago power to expend \$50,000,000 in any way Professor Burton and Professor Chamberlin may specify.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday before the Hon. Commissioner Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N., the master of the steam launch *Lei Ohoy* was fined \$10 or a month for throwing ashore into the harbour at Aberdeen. A boatwoman, who said she could not hear very well, was fined \$3 for failing to stop her craft when called upon to do so by a police officer.

Manila is to have its Sanitary Commission. The sanitary conditions of the city have been the subject of a good deal of controversy recently between the Bureau of Health and the Municipal Board, and the Governor-General has appointed a representative Committee to make a thorough investigation of the subject. This committee is empowered to probe into such matters as the locality and condition of swampy districts, extent of insanitary areas, cost of draining, monetary responsibility of the property holders of the City of Manila, and the cost of such improvements as they may advise, and the manner of providing the needed funds.

Harmston's Circus had a successful day yesterday, the spacious enclosure at Causeway Bay being well filled at the matinee—a popular innovation—and at night. The programme is most refined and most entertaining. There is something in it to appeal to every temperament. Looping the loop is a daring sensational act which thrills all beholders while the performing tigers and the work of their trainers make a great impression on spectators. The equestrian performances are skilful, the jumping and acrobatic feats are remarkable and the dancing is graceful. Middle. Abs in her heavy weight lifting exhibition should not be missed, and the comic business is light and laughable.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, January 20th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING PUISNE JUDGE).

SOLICITORS AND CLIENT.

The case in which Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell proceeded against Miss Minnie Hayden to recover \$250 for professional services rendered arose on for hearing.

Mr. O. D. Thomson represented the plaintiffs, and the defendant appeared in person.

Mr. Thomson said the plaintiffs admitted receiving \$25 on account, and that reduced the claim to \$225.

His Lordship (to defendant)—Plaintiffs admit that you have paid them \$25.

Defendant—Yesterday they swore that I had not.

Mr. Thomson—Mr. Xavier said as far as he remembered you had not, but on looking up the books he found you had.

His Lordship—I will give judgment for the plaintiffs for \$225 and costs.

THE CALAMITY IN ITALY.

FURTHER DONATION FROM CANTON.

On the evening of the 19th inst., the Italian Consul General received from the Canton-Viceroy a further sum of \$12,907.90 amount of a public subscription amongst the merchants, and gentry of Canton. This sum, like the former one, was transmitted yesterday morning telegraphically to the Banca d'Italia at Rome, through the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, free of charges. Acknowledgment and thanks were wired to the Viceroy the same night by the Italian Consul General.

We are informed that H. E. Chang, the Viceroy of the neighboring provinces, has taken a great interest in the relief work for the sufferers by the unparalleled disaster in Southern Italy. He sent at once a telegram of sympathy to the Italian Consul General for Southern China, who resides in Hongkong, and made enquiries about the progress of relief work. Shortly afterwards he renewed enquiries through the Commissioner of Customs of Kowloon, Mr. Harris, and when this gentleman later on visited Canton the Viceroy repeated his enquiries verbally. This interest has materialised in the offering of two large sums. The former one of \$10,000 was the contribution of the Government of the Liang Kuang provinces; the latter is the result of the subscription raised amongst the public. The Chinese press in Canton, for some days was busy in publishing the steps taken by the Viceroy for furthering the public subscription: its success is therefore in great measure due to the initiative and activity of the Viceroy. These considerations do not in the least take away from the generous promptitude with which the gentry and merchants took up the subscription as soon as the matter was brought to their attention. All China residents will also be alive to the fact, forced upon them at every moment in these days, that the subscription was raised in the most unfavourable time, close upon China New Year, when every Chinaman, whatever his wealth and position, receives numberless calls on his purse which tax it to the uttermost.

Yesterday morning the Italian Consul General received from Mr. Tittoni, the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, the following telegram:

"Italian Consulate Hongkong—In the name of the Royal Government I beg you to thank the Viceroy for his generous donation to the sufferers from the earthquake.—TITTONI."

The thanks conveyed in this telegram were re-transmitted to the Canton Viceroy yesterday.

The Government of Peking, at the solicitation of H. E. Huang Ho, ex-Minister to Rome, has forwarded to Italy a donation of Tls. 50,000.

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CALIFORNIA AND JAPANESE IMMIGRATION.

STRONG REMONSTRANCE FROM
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

LONDON, January 19th.

The Californian State Legislature has passed the Anti-Japanese Bill prohibiting aliens from holding land.

In response to a telegram from President Roosevelt, the Governor of California delayed action on the Bill pending receipt of a letter from the President who says he is greatly concerned over the reports of anti-Japanese legislation which, according to his knowledge of the situation, will incalculably damage the state of California and the whole Union.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

LONDON, January 20th.

President Roosevelt in his letter to the Governor of California points out that the American-Japanese agreement (with regard to immigration?) was working in the most satisfactory manner, and achieving the object nominally desired by the advocates of the exclusion of Japanese. Within a few years there would be no more Japanese in America than there are Americans in Japan.

Therefore, there was no shadow of an excuse for the irritating action contemplated by the Californian Legislature which would upset the Government and re-open the whole situation.

GREAT DECLINE IN LONDON BANK RETURNS.

LONDON, January 19th.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell, presiding at a bank meeting in London, said the returns of the London Banks in 1908 showed a falling off amounting to 610 millions sterling. The bogey of the coming Budget was weighing upon the Country.

LIBERIA APOLOGISES.

LONDON, January 20th.

The Republic of Liberia has apologised to Germany for the recent firing on a German steamer by a Customs cruiser.

AUSTRALIA AND THE PROBLEM OF IMMIGRATION.

LORD NORTHCOTE'S VIEWS.

LONDON, January 20th.

Lord Northcote, late Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth, has been entertained by the Colonial Institute to a banquet at which there was a notable assemblage of Governors and Peers.

His Lordship in the course of a speech referred to the coloured immigration question; and said it ought to be regarded from the Australian as well as the British standpoint. If Australia did not secure herself against Asiatics, she conceivably would have a greater problem to face than that of the negroes in the United States. He could not pronounce any definite opinion as to the capacity of the whites to populate the Northern Territory, but the whole question was interesting from the standpoint of defence, for an Oriental army might easily invade the defenceless district.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* arrived Shanghai at 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 19th inst., and left again at 6 a.m. Wednesday for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m. on Friday the 22nd inst.
The *Apar str. Lightning* from Calcutta left Singapore on morning the 20th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 25th inst.

THE SANITARY BOARD ELECTION.

A HEAVY POLL—THE RESULT.

Yesterday's election, although a mere trifle to those held at home and in self-governing colonies, showed that the electors were keenly interested in the men who were to represent them on the Sanitary Board. A large cosmopolitan attendance was present when the poll opened at 4 p.m., Oriental and Occidental being anxious to obtain ballot papers. The voters included not only business men, but Naval and Military Officers, Civil Servants of all degrees, from the taipan to the constable, the latter attending in uniform and in numbers to vote for their choice of guardians of the public health.

Mr. C. D. Melbourne, who acted as returning officer, read the notice in the Government Gazette concerning the election, and then announced the candidates. He informed electors that the names of Mr. Shelton Hooper and Dr. Fitzwilliams had been spelt incorrectly, but stated that that would not affect the ballot.

When the ballot opened there were between 40 and 50 voters present, and Capt. Hutchinson was the first to record a vote. Assisting Mr. Melbourne in his duties were Colonel Chapman, Messrs. R. H. Crofton, J. R. Wood, G. A. Woodcock, A. Hill, A. B. Safford, J. Leonard and W. J. Unwin.

The poll closed at six o'clock and shortly before seven the returning officer announced the result of the poll as follows:

MR. SHELTON HOOPER.....504
DR. FITZWILLIAMS.....543
DR. BELLIOS.....313
MR. H. PERCY SMITH.....167

The first two candidates are therefore elected. The exact number of votes recorded was not made up last night, but eight out of the total number were known.

When the result of the poll was announced, Mr. SHELTON HOOPER said he begged to thank the whole of the electors of Hongkong who had placed him in the proud position at the head of the poll. He felt it a very great honour because they had not done so on any prophesy he had made as to the work he would undertake. He took it as a vote of confidence on the work he had done (Hear, hear and applause). He had openly stated his policy through the public press, and his object had been free criticism of the Government and, its policy in any legislation which had been proposed. He had carried out his duties in the past without fear, favour or affection (Applause). He repeated publicly that night that he had "no axe to grind," and that he was actuated in what he had done for the general weal of the Colony and for the benefit of the whole community regardless of any class or religion, and he should continue to be so in future (Applause). Before concluding his remarks, and he was sure he spoke on behalf of the other candidates, he wished to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the presiding officer for the way he had carried out his duties.

Dr. BELLIOS seconded this vote, and in doing so thanked the winning candidates for the fair way in which they had carried on this election. He was quite sure he spoke on behalf of Mr. Percy Smith, as well as on his own account, when he said the fight had taken place without any ill feeling whatever (Applause). He bore the candidates no animosity whatever, and was very, very glad that Dr. Fitzwilliams had got in.

Mr. PERCY SMITH said he would like also to endorse the proposition, and to reiterate what had been said by Mr. Bellios. He was sorry he had not been elected, but no doubt it was to the gain of the community. They could quite rest assured, however, that he would try again (Hear, hear and applause).

Dr. FITZWILLIAMS was absent at the time the poll was announced.

LUSITANO FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

The final match of the Lusitano Recreation Club's eleven-a-side football competition will be played off on Saturday next, at 4 p.m., at Causeway Bay by the "B" and "C" teams captained by J. M. Britto and P. da Rosa respectively. Mr. A. J. V. Ribeiro will act as referee and the linesmen will be Messrs. P. M. Remedios and J. C. Barretto. "B" team C. M. S. Alves, A. V. Barros, and F. Ribeiro, J. F. Castro, J. M. Britto, and F. Soares; "C" team J. Barretto, and B. S. Vieira; Alf. Remedios, T. Pereira and Alf. Botelho. "O" team J. Gardiner, J. C. Ribeiro, and L. G. Cordeiro, C. Lopes, P. Ezoa, and J. Souza; P. Cordeiro, and E. Antonio V. Azevedo; Aug. Baptista and F. Baradas.

THE SALARY OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT.

On December 17th Senator Bourne introduced a bill providing for an increase in the salary of the President of the United States from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and in the salary of the Vice-President from \$12,000 to \$25,000. The bill is intended to take effect at the beginning of the next administration.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 20th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has fallen quickly in E. Japan owing to the depression, which is moving into the Pacific to the S. of Hokkaido.

The anticyclonic area is lying over the continent to the North of the Yangtze, and pressure has increased considerably in S. China. It remains low to the S. of Formosa.

Hard monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood, N.E. gale.

Formosa Channel, S. gale.

South coast of China between Sams & No. 1, Hongkong and Lamook, S. winds.

South coast of China between Sams & No. 1, Hongkong and Hainan, S. winds.

Hongkong and Hainan, S. winds.

(*) N. winds, fresh; full, temporary falling.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1909. [216]

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H. L. O. GARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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Hongkong, 21st January, 1909. [219]

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Hongkong, 19th January, 1909. [3]

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CHINA COMMERCIAL CO., LTD.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA COMMERCIAL CO., LTD., will be held at the Company's Registered Office No. 5, Queen's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1909, at 3 P.M., to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

J. SCOTT HARSTON, Chairman.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1909. [212]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 28th January, 1909, at 11.15 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1908.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st January to THURSDAY, the 28th January (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1909. [188]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 28th January, 1909, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1908.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 19th January to THURSDAY, the 28th Jan. (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

General Agents for the WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [178]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 28th January, 1909, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1908.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 19th January to THURSDAY, the 28th Jan. (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [179]

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the GENERAL MANAGERS' Office, Second floor, 8, Des Vaux Road, on FRIDAY, the 29th January, 1909, at 2.30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd January to 29th January (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

For the Board of Directors, A. F. ARCULLI, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1909. [199]

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4/448 representing 8 Shares of THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED, registered in the name of HOW CHONG (厚昌) has been declared to be LOST.

This is to Give Notice that if the above-mentioned Certificate be not presented at this Office within One Month from Date, a New Certificate will be issued in place thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. S. JACKSON, Secretary.

No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai, 13th January, 1909. [206]

DR. M. H. CHAUN.

THE latest Method of the AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.

From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. [1261]

SIEN TING

SURGEON DENTIST.

No. 10, D'AGUIAR STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.

Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1905. [1327]

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HOOSAIN-ALI & Co.,

No. 14, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1909. [41]

INTIMATIONS

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 19, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) and SATURDAY, the 22nd and 23rd inst. Hongkong, 18th January, 1909. [202]

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY will be held at the CRY HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th inst. at 12 o'clock.

Consul General WILDER has kindly consented to take the Chair.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1909. [211]

NOTICE

IN accordance with instructions from the Board of Roads and Communications, the total TELEGRAPHIC CHARGES for all Private Telegrams whether Written in Chinese or Foreign languages and exchanged between Places within the Empire of China will, on and after the 1st day of the 1st Moon of the 1st Year of Hsuen Tung, i.e., the 22nd of January, 1909, be Reduced by 20 per cent. as rebate according to the Rates now in force, with the exception of Press Telegrams.

Telegrams exchanged locally between SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, AMOY, and HONGKONG will be charged at the usual Rates per Word and 25 per cent. vis-à-vis.

To AMOY and FOCHOW Chinese Plain Messages 10 cts.

To AMOY and FOCHOW Foreign Messages 20 cts.

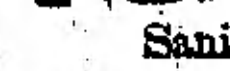
To SHANGHAI Chinese Plain Messages 20 cts.

To SHANGHAI Foreign Messages 40 cts.

WAN HAO, Manager.

The Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [193]



Sanitary Board Office, Hongkong.

TO THE OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS, and VENTILATION BYELAWS (as amended), every domestic building or part of such building within the CENTRAL Division of the City of Victoria and the WESTERN Division of Kowloon occupied by members of more than one family, except those within the European Reservation, or in Kowloon South of Austin Road or those parts of a domestic Building used as a shop, Office or Godown, must be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the owners during the months of December and January.

N.B.—The word "Throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Cubicle Partitions, Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the undersides of Roofs in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' quarters and the outside of Verandahs.

The backyard must have its containing walls lime-washed up to the level of the first floor.

Carved, painted or polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed, but must be cleaned.

The Central Division of the City lies between Gilman Street and Peel Street on the East and Tank Lane and Cleverly Street on the West.

Kowloon is divided into the Eastern and Western Divisions by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the North end thereof through the Yammai Service Reservoir to the Northern boundary of Kowloon.

The Government Limewashing Contractor is prepared to cleanse and lime-wash floors at the rate of \$1.00 per floor on application being made to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board.

A. GIBSON, Secretary.

Dated this 4th day of January, 1909. [180]

FOR SALE A Quantity of NETTING for TENNIS COURTS, etc., at less than half cost.

TABLE BILLIARD SETS, SLATE BEDS, from \$40.00. May be seen by appointment.

CHINA EXPRESS CO., 3, DUNDRELL STREET.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [50]

TO LET

ROOMS in HOTEL MANIONS, suitable for Offices or Chambers.

Apply to—HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexander Buildings.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1908. [104]

TO LET

A HOUSE in MOUNTAIN VIEW, furnished for Summer Months. In Good Order.

Cheap Rent.

Apply to—LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1909. [141]

TO LET

FURNISHED, THE BLUFF No. 107, the Peak, 5-Roomed Bungalow with Tennis Court. March to July. Rent \$150.

Apply to—L. GIBBS, 6, Beaconsfield Arcade.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [160]

TO LET

GOOD OFFICES at No. 2, PEDDER STREET.

Apply to—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [194]

TO LET

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDELL STREET.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

1, Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [98]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

THE "GROVE," MACDONNELL ROAD, from the 15th of March, 1909, for 12 months.

Unfurnished—Nos. 8 and 10, WYNDHAM STREET, containing 6 Large Rooms each. Can be let together or separately.

Apply to—Messrs. PERCY SMITH & SETH, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1909. [123]

TO LET

TO LET—FURNISHED.

66 "HUNG-SHUI," 121, PLANTATION ROAD, THE PEAK. Drawing and Dining Rooms, Three Large and One Small Bedrooms, Dressing and Bath Rooms, Pantry, Kitchen and Laundry, Servants' Quarters, Poultry House, Large Vegetable Garden, Flower Garden, and Lawn.

Apply to—JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors.

8, Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [110]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 97, PRATA EAST.

Apply to—CHATER & MODY, Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1908. [109]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Wong Nei Chong Road.

A HOUSE in RYDON TERRACE.

No. 10, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor.

"HATHERLEIGH," Conduit Road.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.

GODOWNS in PRATA EAST, BLUS BUILDINGS and No. 16B, Des Vaux Road next to the HONGKONG HOTEL.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [97]

TO LET.

ONE OFFICE ROOM, Third Floor, New Praya 2, Opposite Murray Pier.

Apply to—SCHULDT & CO.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1908. [106]

TO LET.

NOS. 2 & 3, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, A facing the Parade Ground.

A 6-ROOMED HOUSE Furnished or Unfurnished at the Peak.

No. 2, CAMERON VILLAS Furnished 61 Peak, from end of March, 1909.

No. 6, CAMERON VILLAS, No. 59, Peak C.M.S. PEAK BUNGALOW, furnished, Mount Kallett, from 1st February to end of June, 1909.

No. 55, ELGIN TERRACE.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Offices and Dwelling Rooms.

No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, First & Top Floors, (over Caldbeck MacGregor).

OFFICES in Queen's Road Central.

BELLIS TERRACE HOUSES, Kowloon Road.

A GODOWN in Duddell Street.

Apply to—LINSTEAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexander Buildings.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1909. [100]

TO LET.

NO. 52, CAINE ROAD.

Apply to—SAM WANG CO., LTD., 81, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1908. [101]

TO LET.

FROM 1st MAY.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yammai, Area 85,200 square feet and with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.

Apply to—HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1909. [103]

TO LET.

NO. 14, SEYMOUR TERRACE, Possession from 1st January, 1909.

Apply to—THE COMPADORE DEPARTMENT, MESSRS. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., St. George's Building.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1908. [112]

TO LET.

STORAGE FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.

TO BE LET, a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 255 at NORTH POINT. Suitable for above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER.

Also FOR SALE.

Portions of MARINE LOTS Nos. 31 & 35 on PRATA EAST. Approximate AREA 43,000 SQUARE FT. 999 YEARS' LEASE.

For Particulars, apply to—GEO. FENWICK & Co., LTD.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [96]

TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Apply to—A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. [102]

TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, Des Vaux Road Central (formerly occupied by Messrs. SHAWAN TOMES & Co.)

Apply to—THE COMPADORE DEPARTMENT, B.D. BASSOON & CO., Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1908. [105]

TO LET.

COAL YARD, Immediate Possession.

A PORTION of the COMPOUND of Marine Lot, No. 42, Wanchai, Praya East.

Apply to—N. MODY & Co.,

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908. [107]

TO LET.

A BERTHOLWYN, PEAK ROAD, from 1st March next. Excellently Furnished, Hot and Cold Water laid on. Tennis Court and Swimming Bath.

Rent to suitable tenant \$225.00 a month, including taxes.

Apply to—HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1909. [125]

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"KARONGA,"
Captain Leslie, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst., at 3 p.m.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1900. [197]

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SLAVONIA,"
Captain Peter, having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from longshore.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY. Any Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1900. [201]

S.S. "POLYNESIA,"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex "Dordogne" and "Majapan" from Hays & Co., Ltd., London, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining undelivered after MONDAY, the 25th Jan., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 25th Jan., or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 25th Jan., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. P. DE CHAMPMORIN, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1900. [2]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, MIDDLESBROUGH, LONDON, FOR SAID COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship.

"MONTGOMERYSHIRE,"
Captain Jackson, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 25th inst., at 3 p.m.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1900. [214]

SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

COPENHAGEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"YEDDO,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 26th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 30th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1900. [6]

INTIMATIONS

HARMSTON'S
GRAND CIRCUS
AND
ROYAL MENAGERIE OF
PERFORMING WILD
ANIMALS.

TO-NIGHT AT 9 P.M.

OUR ALL STAR COMPANY
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A Special Service of Cars will run between
Post Office and the Circus before and after the
Performance.COL. R. LOVE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1900. [164]

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Water on Blocks at Spring Tide ... 69 "

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Hongkong, 21st January, 1900.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENSTRAE,"
having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by 26th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst., at 11 A.M.

No claims will be recognized if not presented within 14 days of the ship's arrival.

McGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Hongkong, 19th January, 1900. [215]

CHINESE FINANCES.

FOREIGN LOANS AND NATIVE
ADMINISTRATION.

The Times Peking correspondent telegraphing

on the 15th ult. said:—

One result of the mission of Tang Shao-yi to

America has been the arrival here of a repre-

sentative of one of the leading American bank-

ing institutions in the Far East, to make

inquiries respecting the prospect of offering a

loan to China with a view to her participation

in the construction of the Canton-Hankow

Railway. The money would, it is understood,

be provided by the group of Belgian financiers

who are still anxious to become identified with

this railway, although they are aware that the

option of its construction has been secured by

the British, under the terms of the Hongkong

Loan, which has been granted to China for the

repurchase of the concession from the American

Syndicate, who were the original holders. The

representative has returned to Shanghai con-

vinced that the moment is ill-chosen for offering

a loan to China. The financial condition of

China will presently be causing considerable

anxiety arising from the heavy fall in silver, the

debased subsidiary coinage, the reduced Customs

revenues, the over-speculation and over-

trading of native merchants in Shang-

hai, Hankow, Tientsin, and other great

business centres, and the many failures.

The Tientsin Consular body and the

Chamber of Commerce have submitted a report

to the Diplomatic Body, pointing out that the

native merchants of Tientsin are able to show

assets of only one million sterling, against debts

of nearly two millions to foreign firms, mostly

German and Japanese. The ever-increasing

silver levies upon the provinces issued in order

to meet the indemnity payments in gold add to

the general embarrassment, while China, through

her ignorance of the elementary principles of

sound finance, is increasing the currency con-

fusion, although she is under a treaty obligation

to reform her finances.

THE DIPLOMATIC BODY AND THE SITUATION.

The Diplomatic Body have addressed a

despatch to the Wai-wu-pu, urging the adop-

tion of immediate measures to check the

currency chaos, to forbid the present issue of

bank notes by irresponsible banks not pos-

sessing a reserve of bullion, and to control the

unlimited issue of provincial notes which are

not so protected by a cash reserve.

China will have to make a radical change

in her methods before she can hope to obtain

again such favourable terms as she secured in

the case of the last Anglo-French loan of

£5,000,000 for the redemption of the Peking-

Hankow Railway. In that case the Ministry

of Communications secured exceptional terms

from foreign banks by representing that they

had in reserve \$14,000,000 (£1,150,000). This

asset had no actual existence. The Ministry

hoped, however, to obtain the amount sub-

sequently, and, as already reported, received the

Imperial sanction to raise a domestic loan of

£10,000,000 (£825,000), offering 7 per cent. in-

terest with a share in the profits of the railway.

There was no security at all, except the guarantee

of the Ministry itself, and the Chinese distrust

of the methods of the Ministry under its present

corrupt and incompetent President, Chen-pi, is

so great that this small loan has been a complete

failure. There has been no response to the

popular appeal for subscriptions, and the Min-

istry are now seeking to obtain the amount from

foreign banks. China badly needs money,

yet the way in which loan-money is being

wasted is bound to shake foreign confidence.

Investors will cease to lend money to China on

a Government guarantee with effective super-

vision over expenditure.

THE TIENTSIN-YANGTZE TRUNK LINE.

The latest scandal is in connection with the

English section of the Tientsin-Yangtze

Anglo-German trunk line. The northern two-

thirds, that is, the German section from Tien-

tsin to the southern border of Shanghai, is

making good progress under a Chinese managing

director, who allows the German engineer-in-

chief to "adequate staff, and who is actively

co-operating in the work. The southern third,

that is, the British section, under a British

engineer-in-chief, from the southern border of

Shanghai to the Yangtze, is making no pro-

gress whatever. The managing director, who is

a native of Canton and has been educated in

America, is effectively preventing the work of

construction. Although the contract is signed

and the work is to be completed in four years,

an official report, dated December 5, states that

the survey has been completed, but that no rails

have been ordered, no sleepers purchased, and

no earthworks constructed. The managing

director, instead of residing on the railway,

frequents Shanghai, has been seen only once by

the chief engineer in the course of two whole

months. Sir John Jordan, the British Minis-

ter has the matter in hand, and a foreign repre-

sentation has been made, but owing to the meag-

re of the Court, diplomatic intercourse in

Peking is much hampered.

SERIOUS BOYCOTT IN JAVA.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY REPORTED

ENDANGERED.

The boycott has become such a formidable

weapon in commercial warfare among the

hinese in Java as to arouse great alarm in the

mercantile world there, and the Government

has been asked to lead a helping hand in

crushing this closely-knit conspiracy for

exclusive dealing. The question cropped

up under very peculiar circumstances, says the Straits Times.

Some months ago, a Dutch mercantile firm

at Samarang, gave offence to its Chinese

customers in that city by forcing one of them

into bankruptcy, so the story runs. The

customers felt so aggrieved that they bound

themselves by written agreement to boycott the

firm, and not to have any dealings with it. To

make matters worse they got the other Chinese

dealers in Samarang to join them in putting

the firm under ban. They were the more

encouraged, from the fact that a Chinese

boycott against the Sourabaya branch of the

firm had proved a success, not long ago.

The firm sought to make up, but the boy-

cotters would not listen. The boycott then

extended to places in the interior, and matters

became worse and worse for the firm. Many

of the boycotters appealed to the Nationalist

feeling of the Chinese, on the ground that now

is the time to show the Dutch nation that the

Chinese will not allow themselves to be trampled

upon. Neutral Chinese were forced into the

boycott.

The firm, hard pressed, turned to the Govern-

ment for help, and asked it to take proceedings

against the boycott leaders, and to punish them

as far as the law would allow, such as deportation

for instance.

The Government replied that it saw no reason

to interfere in the direction pointed out by the

firm. The firm is now left alone to fight the

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LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELHI	Noon, 23rd Jan.	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUNDAY, and MARSEILLES	SUNDA	About 27th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NORE	About 30th Jan.	Freight and Passage.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD. SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 21st Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 26th Jan., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 27th Jan., 4 P.M.
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SHANGHAI	"FOOHSING"	Wednesday, 27th Jan., 3 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 29th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"NAMSANG"	Thursday, 4th Febr., Noon.
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S.S. AMBRIA	11th March
S.S. LIBERIA	19th March

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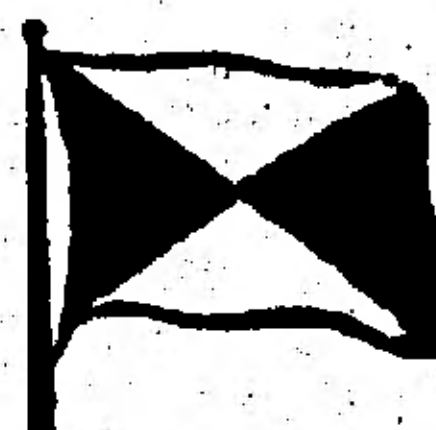
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MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"YEDDO"	Middle of February.

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KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"ITO MARU"	6320	TUESDAY, 16th Febr., at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	"KUMANO MARU"	5076	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., at Noon
SHANGHAI & KOBE	"YAWATA MARU"	3317	FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"TAMBA MARU"	6134	SATURDAY, 23rd Jan., at Daylight
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